the ability to read the Scriptures and to write in their own language." Even more : " Until their reception of Christianity, (the females) considered it degrading to attach themselves to the household of the foreigners, . . . thought their own manner of wearing a piece of cloth cast loosely round the body preferable to the European mode of dress, and consequently had no inducement to learn needlework or any other kind of female employ-ment/' But now they were " taught to work at their needle, and soon made a pleasing pro-ficiency." In short had Queen Victoria been able to drive around among the villagers of the island as at Balmoral she would have found the Poly-nesia of Mr. Ellis almost as Christian as Scotland. In a little the Prince Consort could have crowned his work with an exhibition.

To my mind that is literally the whole truth about this great question, and it must be remem-

bered that there are people left who would do all over again what Mr. Ellis and his friends did. Conceive of him as a man utterly convinced that all persons were going to hell who did not accept the Christian gospel, and that outside the Christian